

**REMARKS**

Currently pending are claims 43 – 50, 52 – 60, 70 – 77 and 79 – 90. Claims 25 – 42 and 60 – 68 and 69 have been canceled. Claims 1 – 24, 51, 61 and 78 were canceled in previous amendments.

New claims 79 – 90 are based on claims 29 – 33, 37 – 39, 41, 42, 63, 64 and 68 which were objected to as depending from rejected claims. These claims are new independent claims or depend on claims that are free of the art. The objection is now moot.

Claims 25 – 31, 34 – 36, 40, 62 and 65 – 68 have been canceled without prejudice. This cancellation moots the rejection of these claims.

The remaining claims 43 – 50, 52 – 60 and 70 – 77 have been allowed.

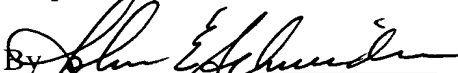
**CONCLUSIONS**

Applicant submits that the pending claims are free of the art and are in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes there is no fee due with this response. However, if fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. P02917US8 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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